

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the State of South Dakota received two Presidential disaster declarations including Individual Assistance Crisis Counseling Services. Services through the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) are provided in two phases:

Immediate Services Program: Begins upon notice of award of CCP grant funds, retroactive back to the date of the disaster declaration, with 30-day extension periods if so granted by FEMA/SAMHSA while they review the application for continued services.

Regular Services Program: Begins at a date mutually determined by the state and FEMA/SAMHSA that allows for services to continue for 9 months, and extend past the anniversary date of the contributing events leading up to the original disaster declaration.

Contributing events

Severe storms, snowstorm and flooding occurring between March and April 2019

Disaster Declared June 7, 2019

Program created: SD 4440

Total funding awarded: \$202,921.98 (ISP) +

\$569,694.97 (RSP)

Contributing events

Severe storms, tornadoes and flooding occurring between September 9-26, 2019

Disaster Declared November 18, 2019

Program created: SD-4469

Total funding awarded: \$152,759.00 (ISP) +

\$484,342 (RSP, pending approval)

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The CCP is a federally funded supplemental program administrated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5183 authorizes FEMA to fund mental health assistance and training activities in areas that have been declared a major disaster by the President. The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), works with FEMA to provide technical assistance, consultation, grant administration, program oversight, and training for state mental health authorities, U.S. territories, and designated tribal authorities.

The mission of the CCP is to assist individuals and communities in recovering from the effects of natural and human-caused disasters through the provision of community-based outreach and psycho-educational services. The CCP supports short-term interventions that involve assisting disaster survivors in understanding their current situation and reactions, mitigating stress, developing coping strategies, providing emotional support, and encouraging linkages with other individuals and agencies that help survivors in their recovery process.

TIMELINES

CCP Timeline for SD-4440



CCP Timeline for SD-4469



AVAILABLE SERVICES

The CCP consists of services focused on preventing or mitigating adverse repercussions of a disaster, through a public health approach. Beginning with the most severely affected group and moving outward, the program seeks to serve a large portion of the population affected by the disaster. CCP services are community based and take place anywhere survivors are, including, but not limited to, survivor homes, shelters, temporary living sites, and churches and other places of worship.

The CCP services include supportive crisis counseling, psycho-education, development of coping skills, and linkage to appropriate resources, while assessing and referring those members of the community who are in need of intensive mental health and substance use treatment to appropriate community resources. This outreach work is intended by FEMA/SAMHSA to be done primarily by paraprofessionals and local community members, who receive training to conduct the outreach activities and collect the data required. The CCP engages community gatekeepers and organizations through direct contact with stakeholder groups, such as unmet-needs committees, and participation in community events in order to facilitate response activities and services to survivors.

IMPACTED COUNTIES/RESERVATIONS

The following counties and reservations are included in the disaster declarations serviced by the Crisis Counseling Program (eligible for Individual Assistance). They are organized by the service provider in their area.

		Program			
Providers	Impacted County or Reservation	SD-4440	SD-4469		
Behavior Management Systems	Bennett	X			
	Jackson	Х			
	Oglala Lakota	Х			
	Pine Ridge Reservation	X			
East Central Behavioral Health	Brookings	X			
Lewis & Clark	Bon Homme	X			
	Charles Mix	X	Х		
	Hutchinson	X	Х		
	Yankton	Х	Х		
	Yankton Reservation		Х		
Dakota Counseling Institute	Davison		Х		
	Hanson		X		
	Lake		X		
Community Counseling Services	Moody		X		
	Flandreau Santee Reservation		X		
Southern Plains Behavioral Health	Melette	X			
	Todd	X			
	Rosebud Reservation	Х			
Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare	McCook		X		
	Minnehaha	X	X		
	Lincoln		X		
	Turner	X			
Three Rivers Mental Health Center	Dewey	Х			
	Ziebach	X			
	Cheyenne River Reservation	Х			

NEEDS SPECIFIC TO TRIBAL AREAS

To better understand the specific needs of each community service provider, a short survey was recently completed by the community mental health centers to gather feedback. Three areas of assistance were proposed.

- 1. Our center would like assistance from the State and/or Avera's Departments of Tribal Relations to be able to share information at a tribal council meeting, or a subcommittee meeting (such as the health or behavioral health subcommittee), or other tribal leadership groups.
- 2. Our center would like assistance from the State and/or Avera's Departments of Tribal Relations with connecting with the appropriate tribal groups to hire temporary tribal members (paraprofessionals) to conduct outreach activities as subcontractors through your grant dollars.
- 3. Our center would like assistance from the State and/or Avera's Departments of Tribal Relations on additional topics/needs related to this grant

			Assistance needed with		
Providers	Counties	Reservations	Tribal Council	Subcontractors	Additional Topics/Needs
Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health	Bon Homme	Yankton Indian Reservation	no	no	nothing
	Charles Mix				
	Hutchinson				
	Yankton				
Community Counseling Services	Lake	Flandreau Santee Indian Reservation	yes	yes	yes but no specific topic
	Moody				
Three Rivers Mental Health Center	Dewey	Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation	yes	yes	identifying groups/ individuals in need that haven't been outreached yet
	Ziebach				
Behavior Management Systems	Oglala Lakota	Pine Ridge Reservation	yes	yes	yes but no specific topic
	Jackson				
	Bennett				
Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services	Mellette	Rosebud Reservation	yes	no	nothing at this time
	Todd				